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DATE: 08/13/2014
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Man Arrested for Armed Robbery
CASE NO.: 14178040
INCIDENT DATE :08/13/2014
INCIDENT TIME: 11:02 PM
INCIDENT LOCATION: Lake Avenue & 4th Street
SUBJECT: Duluth Man Arrested for Armed Robbery
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On Wednesday, August 13th, 2014 at 11:02 PM Duluth Police were called to the intersection of Lake Avenue & 4th Street for an armed robbery.

Initial investigation revealed that two suspects approached a 25 year old male victim. One of the suspects had a handgun out, the second suspect demanded the victim empty his pockets and give him the items. The suspects then ran eastbound from the area. Officers located a person matching the description of the suspect with the handgun at 2nd Avenue East & 3rd Street. He was identified as Justin Dillard Thomas, a 24 year old male resident of Duluth. After a long search of the areas involved, officers were not able to locate a handgun.

Justin Thomas was arrested for 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery, 2nd Degree Assault, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Stolen Firearm and brought to the Saint Louis County Jail.

On Thursday, August 14th, 2014 Investigators returned to the scene for a daylight search of the area and located a handgun believed to have been used in the armed robbery in the grass behind a residence in the #10 block of East 5th Street. The gun was determined to have been stolen in a vehicle prowl that occurred in Proctor in April.

If anyone has any information about this incident they are asked to call 911. This is an active investigation; no further information is available at this time.

